

Weber River Water Rights Committee

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2910 Washington Blvd. #303, Ogden, Utah 84401

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WEBER RIVER WATER RIGHTS COMMITTEE (Exclusive of the Ogden River)

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the annual meeting of the Weber River Water Rights Committee was held at the office of the Weber River Water Users Association, Weber Valley Bank Bldg., 2910 Washington Blvd., Suite 303, Ogden, Utah, on January 14, 1986 at 10:00a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas R. Hoover.

Present: Thomas R. Hoover
Aldo J. Prevedel
Joseph Dawson
D.A. Osguthorpe
Lincoln Jensen
D. Earl Harris
Russell Wayment
Preston Marchant
Carly Burton
Howard Cox
Glenn Gibbons
Ivan W. Flint
E. Blaine Johnson
Lee Kapaloski

Excused: Laurence Wright
Frank Bohman
Wendell Holmes
Keith Jensen

The call of the meeting was read by the secretary. The minutes of the meetings held January 8, 1985, January 31, 1985, and February 12, 1985 were approved by motion of Lincoln Jensen, seconded by Joseph Dawson, and the vote carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Chairman Hoover requested that E. Blaine Johnson, Weber River Water Commissioner, give his report to the members of the Committee. Blaine expressed appreciation to his five deputies, Dennis Marchant, Ross Siddoway, Erma Carter, Lee Anderson, and George Holgerson in that they had done all that was expected of them, and that there had been no problems on the system. He further stated that they had had no flooding on the Weber River System this past year. Present storage is Wanship 36,800 A.F.,

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Echo 57,560 A.F., East Canyon 40,500 A.F. Commissioner Johnson further stated that he would like to recommend that he continue to have his present deputies. D. Earl Harris asked Commissioner Johnson what his plans were as to working for the Ogden River System. Blaine stated that he had been approached last fall by Ed Southwick of the Ogden River System to assume the position of administrative commissioner of the Ogden River System. He stated that his duties on the Weber River would come first but that he felt he could do both jobs, and that the physical distribution duties would be handled by a deputy. He further stated that the State Engineers Office has approved the proposal. The salary for these administrative duties will be approximately \$4,000. for the year. Carly Burton stated that Blaine would oversee the administrative end only, and that there would be no physical distribution on his part. Blaine stated that he felt that the two systems should be coordinated, to see that things run more efficiently. Carly Burton stated that this is the first step in consolidation of the two systems, and it should improve the efficiency of the distribution system. D.A. Osguthorpe made a motion that we go ahead with the Ogden River Proposal on a trial basis for the coming year, and see what happens, and take it up again at our annual meeting next year. Carly Burton seconded and the vote carried unanimously.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Chairman Hoover asked the Secretary to read and review the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 1985. A motion was made by D. Earl Harris to approve the financial statement of the Weber River Water Rights Committee for 1985. The motion was seconded by Howard Cox, and all voted in favor.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1986

The 1986 Proposed Budget was presented by Commissioner E. Blaine Johnson. He stated that the Executive Committee had recommended a 3% increase in salaries, and he had accepted this recommendation, for himself and his deputies. Chairman Hoover stated that there had been an oversight on the amount of the contribution to the Utah Water Users Association. He stated that \$1250. had been approved in 1985 and had not been paid. He stated that \$1250. would be paid in 1986. Commissioner Johnson also stated that an increase of \$200. be added to this present budget for Bonds & Insurance (St. Engineer), item 1.-I. on the budget. These two changes will be made on the present proposed budget for 1986. D. Earl Harris made a motion that they approve the proposed budget with these two changes. Carly Burton seconded, and the vote carried unanimously.

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ELECTION OF COMMITTEEMEN

Chairman Hoover stated that the following Committeemen's terms are expiring: Glenn Gibbons-District #1, D. Earl Harris-District #3, Wendell Holmes-District #6, and Keith Jensen-District #7. Also there should be a Committeeman appointed to replace Laurence Wright-District #1, due to ill health. He further stated that Wendell Holmes had called him yesterday to state that he did not wish to be reappointed due to ill health. Chairman Hoover contacted the President of the Wilson Irrigation Company who recommended that Aldo Prevedel replace Mr. Holmes. Mr. Hoover also stated that it is an in house policy that the Manager of Weber Basin serve on the Committee. He also stated that Mr. Preston Marchant has been recommended by several of the irrigation companies in his district to replace Laurence Wright. Russell Wayment made a motion that we accept Aldo Prevedel for District #6 and Ivan Flint for District #7 as Committeemen. Joseph Dawson seconded and the vote carried unanimously. Joseph Dawson made a motion to reappoint D. Earl Harris for District #3 and Glenn Gibbons for District #1. Lincoln Jensen seconded, and the vote carried unanimously. Ivan Flint recommended that Dennis Wright replace Frank Bohman as a representative of Weber Basin on the Rights Committee. D. Earl Harris recommended that Preston Marchant replace Laurence Wright. D.A. Osguthorpe made a motion that we accept Preston Marchant for District #1, and Dennis Wright for District #7 as Committeemen. Lincoln Jensen seconded and the vote carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

D. Earl Harris made a motion that we elect the present executive committee and officers for another year. Howard Cox seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously.

REPRESENTATION AT DISTRIBUTION MEETING

D. Earl Harris made a motion that the Chairman and Secretary represent the Weber River Water Rights Committee at the Distribution Meeting with the State Engineers Staff. Joe Dawson seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Lincoln Jensen made a motion that we recommend E. Blaine Johnson as the Weber River Water Commissioner. Carly Burton seconded, and all voted in favor.

PARK CITY AGREEMENT

Chairman Hoover asked Attorney Lee Kapaloski to give us an update on the Park City Agreement. Lee stated that the agreement is to determine how to distribute the Spiro Tunnel water.

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The agreement is between the Weber River Water Rights Committee and Park City. The agreement states that a 25% flow will be turned downstream from the Spiro Tunnel to satisfy downstream users. He further stated that there has been a change in ownership of the United Park City Mines. They are going to challenge how the water has been distributed. They have put out a notice to this effect. Lee stated that he doesn't know what will come of this, but no one is doing anything with the Spiro Tunnel water until this matter is settled. The dispute involves Park City, Deer Valley and the Mining Company. Lee stated that no law suit has been filed as of yet, only the notice to the parties. As for the present agreement with Park City, we have acknowledgement that the agreement has been accepted by Park City, but we do not know where it will go from here.

INSTREAM FLOWS

Chairman Hoover asked Attorney Lee Kapaloski to address the Committee on the Proposed Bill for Instream Flows. Lee stated that a committee was appointed to come up with a fair compromise for the instream bill. A copy of the proposed bill was given to all Committeemen. This bill will go before the Senate this year. This proposal involves State water rights only. Instream Flows are those that the Division of Wildlife Resources would like to leave in the stream for wildlife purposes. This bill was put together by the appointed committee to represent and protect all agencies to the best of the committee's knowledge.

BEAR RIVER STUDY

Chairman Hoover explained to the Committeemen that there is a study in progress to determine if it is feasible to bring the Bear River Water down to service Salt Lake areas. He told the Committee that he will watch this study closely.

SMITH & MOOREHOUSE

Ivan Flint told the Committeemen that Smith & Moorehouse is about half complete at this point. They have had many problems with this project and it is now scheduled to be completed by November 1986.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.